

Jan. 8

## DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Br. sch. Jennie May, Bay of Islands, N. F., 900 bbls frozen herring.  
Sch. W. H. Moody, Georges, 20,000 lbs. salt cod.

### Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Salt handline Georges codfish, \$5.25 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for medium.

Salt trawl Georges codfish, \$5 for large, 00 for medium.

Salt hake, \$1.75

Salt haddock, \$1.75.

Salt cusk, \$2.50.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.50 for large, \$4.00 for medium, \$2.75 for snappers.

Fresh halibut, 12 cts. per lb. for white and 8 cts. for gray.

Newfoundland salt herring, in bulk, \$4.50 per bbl.

Newfoundland salt herring, barrelled, \$5.75 per bbl.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per cwt.

### Boston.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 500 hake.

Sch. Mary Edith, 6500 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Dixie, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 1500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Br. sch. Ida M. Clark, 1282 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Metamora, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Manomet, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Evangelina, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$4.50; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Indiana was at Sandy Point, N. S. January 1 and cleared the same day.

Sch. Preceptor was at Sandy Point, N. S., December 30 and cleared the same day.

Sch. James R. Clark landed 8000 pounds of fresh fish at Yarmouth, N. S., last Friday.

Sch. Effie M. Morrissey had 4000 pounds and sch. J. W. Couzens had 3000. The fish will be shipped to Boston.

## IN NORTH ARM.

### Herring Are Now Reported as Quite Plenty.

### Not Much Danger from Ice for Some Time Yet.

A gentleman who arrived here yesterday, having left Bay of Islands, N. F., three days ago, reports that herring have struck in good shape in the North Arm and that several of the fleet have gone there from the Middle Arm to finish loading. He also reports that the weather was cold and that there was plenty of frost.

Capt. George Turner of sch. Parthia which arrived here this morning from Bay of Islands with a fare of salt herring, reports that just before he left there was a report received that the herring had struck in the North Arm. The Parthia made a fine passage home, leaving Bay of Islands on last Sunday.

Capt. Turner says that there has been no sign of ice as yet and everybody at Bay of Islands is looking for an open winter. No ice had been reported to the northward and he believed that vessels could come and go at Bay of Islands until the end of this month at least.

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## WILL GRANT LICENSES.

### Canadian Government Follows Customary Course.

### GRANTS FIRST ONE FOR 1906.

### Sch. Margaret Secured It at Canso Last Week.

The Canadian government has decided to issue modus vivendi licenses to American vessels this year, as it has for many years past.

For some time there has been considerable in the Nova Scotia press as to granting these licenses, the principal and almost only objection coming from the neighborhood of North Sydney and Sydney, C. B. Many papers from other ports along the Nova Scotia coast have favored the continuance of granting the licenses, and there has been some doubt as to how the matter would end.

The question was answered a few days ago in the affirmative. Sch. Margaret, Capt. Samuel Colson, of this port, put in at Canso, N. S., and Capt. Colson immediately went ashore and reported at the custom house and also applied for a license. There was evidently some doubt as to what should be done, for the customs officials telegraphed to the authorities at Ottawa for instructions, and received orders to issue the licenses as usual.

Capt. Colson got his license, took a baiting and sailed for the fishing grounds.

## FRESH HERRING.

### Local Torchers Took 30 Barrels Last Night.

### Catch Is Considered the Latest on Record.

Three of the local torching fleet were out last night in Ipswich river and succeeded in securing 32 barrels of fresh herring. The fish were small, but were in great demand by the small boats and readily brought \$4 per barrel. They were handled by Capt. William McDonald.

Capt. George McLean's boat had eight barrels, Arthur Middleton 15 barrels and Everett Jones nine barrels.

Old herring torchers and bait men who have been long in the business say that this is the latest in the season that they remember of fresh herring being taken. The latest date they remember previous to this was some years ago when seven barrels were landed January 1.

## COLLECTING COD EGGS.

### Steamer Columbia Has Been Chartered by Government.

The steamer Columbia of this port has been chartered for the winter by the United States Bureau of Fisheries and will be used in the collection of cod eggs from the Ipswich Bay fleet which lands its fares at Portsmouth. Capt. G. F. O. Hanson, commander of the United States Fish Commission sch. Grampus, will be in command of the craft.

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Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary Cabral, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.

Sch. Belhina P. Domingoes, shore.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.

Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.

Sch. Minerva, shore.

Sch. Tecumseh, shore.

Sch. James S. Steele, shore.

Sch. Mattakesett, shore.

Sch. John M. Keen, shore.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, shore.

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### Boston.

Sch. Pythian, 3000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Teresa and Alice, 12,000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.

Sloop Venus, 1900 cod.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. Hope, 5000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Flaviola, 6500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 7000 haddock.

Sch. Galatea, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Ramona, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 5000 haddock, 200 cod, 1500 hake.

Sch. Elsie F. Rowe, 4500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Mattie Brundage, 4000 haddock, 1000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 4000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 1500 haddock, 17,000 cod.

Sch. Grace W. Hone, 1400 cod.

Sch. Priscilla, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.75; large cod, \$5.50 to \$6; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$3.00 to \$5.75.

## Bounty on Sharks.

The history of many states tells of occasions when bounties were offered for the extermination of different pests. We all remember that dear old Leather Stocking paid his fine for killing a deer with the ears of the "painter." Bounties have been paid for coyotes, gophers, rattlesnakes and other creatures which were troublesome to communities. Our ancestors paid bounties for scalps, and a horrible traffic it seems looking at it from this distance. Representative Tirrell of Massachusetts would have bounties paid upon dogfish and dogfish sharks. Those useless denizens of the deep are doing great damage to the food fishes of the north Atlantic, and it is Tirrell's idea to give 2 cents for the tail of each that is caught between Eastport, Me., and Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. It does not often happen that the government pays bounties, and the proposition will not pass.



# NO CUTTER AT PRESENT.

So Say Authorities to the  
Board of Trade Request.

## OPEN WINTER GIVEN AS REASON

If Bay Freezes One Will Be Sent  
Immediately.

A special despatch to the TIMES from its Washington correspondent this morning says that Secretary of State Root and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Metcalf have decided adversely on the application of the committee of the Gloucester Board of Trade asking that a revenue cutter be sent to the Bay of Islands, N. F., to be on hand in case the fleet of Gloucester fishing vessels engaged in the herring fisheries at that place become frozen in the ice.

For several years the fleet have been frozen in the bay and last year the revenue cutter Seminole was sent to the locality to break the ice that the vessels could be released, but the time consumed in getting the cutter to the scene resulted in considerable delay and prevented the successful outcome of the plan.

For this reason the Board of Trade thought that a revenue cutter should be sent at once, so as to be on the spot in case the bay starts to freeze up. In view of the open winter so far experienced, the state and commerce and labor departments have decided that it is not practicable to despatch a cutter to the scene at this time, and have informed Congressman Gardner to this effect.

Secretary Metcalf further stated, however, that in case the bay freezes up in the future at any time, a revenue cutter will be immediately despatched to the scene without delay.

## MORE AND LARGER FISH.

Than Ever Before Says Capt. Hans  
Joyce, Halibut King.

Capt. Hans Joyce of the Pacific coast fishing steamer Kingfisher, in speaking about the recent trip of the steamer, when he landed 100,000 pounds of fresh halibut said there were now more and larger fish than ever he saw on the banks before. The steamer fished near Dixon's Entrance and the fish brought in were every one of them of a good average size and in first class order. Bad weather during the whole voyage is given as the cause of the Kingfisher returning with so small a catch. Capt. Joyce says the banks are swarming with fish of every description and had they been favored with any reasonable kind of weather they would have returned with a shipful of fish and been back days before.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

### Board of Trade Members Discuss Matters of Interest.

President Cunningham Declines  
To Be Re-elected.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held at the rooms at 10 o'clock this forenoon, President Sylvester Cunningham presiding.

Those present were Sylvester Cunningham, E. K. Burnham, John J. Pew, Thomas J. Carroll, William W. Wixon, Hugh Parkhurst, George A. Smith, Capt. Thomas Hodge, William Parsons, John J. Stanwood, Orlando Merchant, Howard Steele, William T. Shute, Nathaniel L. Gorton, Charles A. Reed, William A. King, Fitz J. Babson, Fred Bradley, Charles H. M. Hazel, Howard H. Oaks, Fred A. Pearce, Capt. Jerome McDonald, Fred L. Davis, Francis Procter, Capt. John Chisholm, Charles H. Andrews, William F. Moore, James E. Bradley, Benjamin A. Smith, John G. Daggett and Austin P. Young.

Secretary Edward K. Burnham made the following report:

At the annual meeting in January 1903, the membership consisted of 94. The following new members have been secured: Lemuel E. Spinney, John A. Coffin, Arthur D. Story, Joseph O. Procter, Henry F. Atwood and Ruben Brooks, making 100. Messrs. John E. Somes and Cyrus Story have passed away, leaving, with six withdrawals, a membership at present of 92. There are 90 voting members and two associate members, the Visual-haven Fish Co. and Fernald & Co.

There has been collected for dues \$930, and of that amount \$640 was paid to the late Cyrus Story and \$290 to myself as acting treasurer and is accounted for in another report.

The total receipts for the year have been \$952.22; total payments \$1021.18. The amount on hand at present is \$253.97, as against \$322.93 at the annual meeting last year, a loss of \$68.96.

In addition to this Mr. Burnham made the following supplementary report:

In 1899 the membership was 127, and of these 80 are now members and 24 of these have been members continuously. In that

year the receipts were \$677 and the expenditures \$434.

The report of the secretary was accepted.

Mr. Arthur L. Millett, statistician of the board, made a brief report of the work of that department for the past year.

Mr. John J. Pew, chairman of the fisheries committee, made the following report:

Our first meeting during the year was held February 28, and the following prices were made:

	Per 100 lbs.
Large hand line salted Georges codfish.	\$5.00
Medium hand line salted Georges codfish.	4.00
Large western codfish fresh.	2.50
Medium western codfish fresh.	2.00
Large eastern codfish.	2.25
Medium eastern codfish.	1.75
Haddock.	1.25
Chick.	1.75
Hake.	.90
Pollock.	.70

April 18, the following prices were made on Bank codfish:

	Per 100 lbs.
Salted large Bank codfish.	\$3.5-8
Medium Bank codfish.	3.3-8

During the year the committee have held 23 meetings, and prices for both salt and fresh fish from the vessels have been made as the circumstances and conditions of the market seemed to warrant. On the whole high prices have been paid, and at times on some grades more than the market would support. Seemingly your committee have been "optimists."

The last meeting of the committee for the year was September 5. It was deemed that it expedient to make prices for the remainder of the year, and to leave the matter with the buyer and seller to make what prices they could agree upon regardless of the Board of Trade committee.

We cite here the report of United States Bureau of Fisheries of the fish receipts from American fishing vessels landed at Gloucester and Boston for the year 1901. It states the amount as 171,000,000 pounds and of this 171,000,000 pounds, 112,000,000 pounds were caught from the fishing grounds west of 66 degrees longitude. This longitude is the extreme western point of the coast of Nova Scotia.

The 59,000,000 pounds caught east of longitude 66 include about 35,000,000 pounds of codfish and halibut caught on Grand Banks and adjacent banks, and free to fish on by citizens of the whole world, no one country having priority over another in the matter.

We think when the yearly United States report of 1902 of the fisheries is compiled, it will show the same proportion in the catch west of longitude 66 as that of 1901.

As to Gloucester's receipts of codfish and other ground fish, we estimate it when cured at 450,000 quintals.

We notice that there has been an increase in Gloucester's export trade, since thousands of quintals have been hard cured and shipped out of the country. Prior to 1848, about all the fish cured here were hard cured, mostly for export out of the state and country.

It is pleasing to note that the business of Gloucester in volume for 1901 as by the Massachusetts census report, amounted to \$10,000,000, exceeding the business volume of several of the larger cities of Massachusetts and standing 16th among the 33 cities.

A business (the fisheries) wide reaching in extent, historical in all of its settings, 234 years old, ought to commend itself to the pride and patriotism of every Massachusetts citizen, and no one engaged in the fisheries ought to be compelled to watch the Massachusetts legislature with anxiety for fear of hostile legislation.

On the whole a high range of prices has ruled during the year, as high as \$5.1-4 and \$4.1-2 for large salted and medium Georges codfish, and \$4.1-2 and \$4 for large and medium Bank codfish, also \$2.1-2 for large fresh codfish per 100 lbs.

We are indebted to Mr. Millett, the marine reporter of the Board of Trade for a valuable compilation of the fishery receipts of Gloucester for 1903, and also of the receipts of Gloucester vessels landed at other ports. In all they foot up a grand total of 157,100,818 lbs. being 22,000,000 pounds more than the receipts of 1901, and 33,000,000 pounds more than the receipts of 1903.

It will be noticed that our fisheries are not decreasing. They are more diversified than ever before and not confined only to a few lines as prevailed 50 years ago. While our vessels are less in number than some years ago, they ton much larger per vessel than ever before, carrying more men and more scientific apparatus for catching fish, so that not as many vessels are required to supply the market.

It has been stated so many times, and so many people have been so misled as to believe, that the New England fishing fleet has to depend principally upon the Banks lying off the coast of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland for their fishing ground. We state here that the fishing grounds off the coast of New England are those grounds where the most codfish and other ground fish are caught by the New England fleet.

During the months of October, November and part of December of this year, about 16,000,000 pounds of pollock alone were caught at Eastern Point, Gloucester.

The report of the fisheries committee was accepted.

Charles W. Powers, James E. Ryan and D. Elwell Woodbury were elected to membership.

E. K. Burnham was re-elected secretary, and also elected treasurer.